



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Media Summary



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### State Level Cash Rents Increase

Maryland 2004 state-level cash rents for cropland increased an average of \$3.50 per acre according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. The average cash rent for cropland was \$59.00 per acre in 2004. Since 2000, average cash rents paid per acre have increased nearly 9 percent.

Reported cash rents were highest on the Eastern Shore and North Central Maryland with lower rates reported in Southern and Western Maryland. Queen Anne's County had the highest average rent per acre at \$90.10, followed by Kent at \$79.44, and Harford at \$79.02. Allegany County farmers reported the lowest rent at \$29.56, followed by St. Mary's at \$35.45, and Charles at \$36.11.

### Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

| County                 | 2000         | 2001         | 2002         | 2003         | 2004         |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Allegany</i>        | 39.22        | 36.26        | 32.34        | 28.00        | 29.56        |
| <i>Anne Arundel</i>    | 48.71        | 47.41        | 42.58        | 52.50        | 55.81        |
| <i>Baltimore</i>       | 60.88        | 64.47        | 61.87        | 60.28        | 66.96        |
| <i>Calvert</i>         | 42.61        | 43.53        | 39.78        | 26.40        | 42.01        |
| <i>Caroline</i>        | 61.00        | 62.23        | 65.64        | 74.66        | 73.67        |
| <i>Carroll</i>         | 59.66        | 59.05        | 57.68        | 63.04        | 65.38        |
| <i>Cecil</i>           | 53.78        | 60.58        | 68.28        | 61.74        | 71.52        |
| <i>Charles</i>         | 31.03        | 35.57        | 39.61        | 30.95        | 36.11        |
| <i>Dorchester</i>      | 73.05        | 73.58        | 67.50        | 62.72        | 76.94        |
| <i>Frederick</i>       | 51.14        | 53.03        | 59.97        | 50.57        | 55.55        |
| <i>Garrett</i>         | 26.13        | 29.92        | 26.94        | 31.97        | 39.42        |
| <i>Harford</i>         | 63.73        | 68.04        | 75.21        | 74.50        | 79.02        |
| <i>Howard</i>          | 54.60        | 51.67        | 50.58        | 49.52        | 66.18        |
| <i>Kent</i>            | 75.49        | 79.49        | 82.16        | 85.33        | 79.44        |
| <i>Montgomery</i>      | 44.45        | 45.69        | 47.71        | 50.94        | 56.75        |
| <i>Prince George's</i> | 34.13        | 35.88        | 39.26        | 33.82        | 46.24        |
| <i>Queen Anne's</i>    | 72.46        | 74.65        | 73.39        | 83.40        | 90.10        |
| <i>St. Mary's</i>      | 28.22        | 30.69        | 34.08        | 30.00        | 35.45        |
| <i>Somerset</i>        | 60.88        | 62.18        | 66.85        | 61.46        | 70.16        |
| <i>Talbot</i>          | 86.46        | 78.32        | 69.77        | 78.40        | 78.29        |
| <i>Washington</i>      | 52.35        | 55.13        | 55.57        | 54.77        | 62.30        |
| <i>Wicomico</i>        | 59.66        | 58.65        | 53.91        | 58.56        | 65.74        |
| <i>Worcester</i>       | 66.97        | 70.54        | 65.84        | 73.08        | 76.51        |
| <b>State Average</b>   | <b>54.20</b> | <b>55.50</b> | <b>55.50</b> | <b>55.50</b> | <b>59.00</b> |

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